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Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment

This communication is in response to the *final* Office Action dated 27 November 2006. This response is filed within the three (3) month shortened statutory period and therefore applicant's attorney does not believe any Extension of Time is necessary. However, if the applicant's attorney is in error, please consider this a Request for an Extension of Time necessary to affect the filing of the same. Please amend the application as follows.

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Rule 132 Declaration of Stuart M. Shay.

Request for Continued Examination (PTO/SB/30).

Fee Determination Sheet.